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SUBJECT: GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE AND RELATED MATTERS

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FOR AMBASSADOR PORTER FROM DOT DEPUTY SECRETARY BARNUM

1. ON GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE SCOTT AND I HAVE NOW WORKED
OUT LETTER TO RECORD OUR AGREEMENT ON (A) ALIGNMENT ALLO-
CATIONS TO APPLY WHEN 1975 SHIPPING SEASON OPENS AND
(B) CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS TO REVISE MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGE-
MENTS, INCLUDING GROUND RULES FOR US AND CANADIAN PARTI-
CIPATION THROUGHOUT GREAT LAKES SYSTEM. LATTER POINT
EXPLICITLY COVERS DISCUSSION OF US PARTICIPATIONIN
WELLAND AFTER 1976. COMMANDER JOYCE OF USCG VISITING
EMBASSY ON MARCH 19 HAS TAKEN OPPORTUNITY BRIEF TCO AND
PROVIDE COPIES OF LETTER AND PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE. AL-
THOUGH SOME KEY ISSUES ARE STILL BEFORE US, I AM GLAD
THAT WE HAVE A STABLE BASIS FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE. APPRE-
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CIATE YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE.

2. REGRET ANY MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH MAY HAVE ARISEN OVER VISIT OF DELEGATION OF WHICH PRICE SENIOR MEMBER. IT WAS IN FACT ORGANIZED AND OPERATED UNDER DIRECTION LOS INTER-AGENCY TASK GROUP. IT WAS CG UNDERSTANDING THAT LOS GROUP AT STATE WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGEMENTS HAD IN FACT COORDINATED VISIT WITH EMBASSY OTTAWA. CG RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO CLEAR FLIGHT OF AIRCRAFT WITH EMBASSY WHICH WAS DONE. ALTHOUGH DISCUSSIONS WERE OF HIGHLY TECHNICAL NATURE REGARDING REGULATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS OPERATING IN ICE-INFESTED WATERS, THEY WERE PRIMARILY TACTICAL MOVE IN LOS FIELD. PRICE RELATED BRIEF SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS WHEN HE TALKED WITH YOUR TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. REPORT OF MEETING NOW COMPLETED, COPY OF WHICH BEING FORWARDED TO YOU.

3. FULLY AGREE WITH IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING INFORMED AND YOU MAY BE SURE THAT OUR INTENTION IS TO ASSURE THAT THIS IS DONE. INGERSOLL

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